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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF ) GROUP ART UNIT: 1621  
Pitzele et al. )  
 ) EXAMINER: P. A. Zucker  
SERIAL NO. 09/835,196 )  
FILED: APRIL 13, 2001 ) DATE: MARCH 16, 2004

Title: 2-AMINO-4,5 HEPTENOIC ACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL AS NITRIC  
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**RESPONSE**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Response that is set to expire on March 30, 2004. The Applicants believe this Application to be timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed together with this Amendment. All fees required for the making of this Amendment are authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 19-1025.

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